

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. A prior art legend has been added to Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2008, Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration. Claim 15 is added and no claims are cancelled. Claims 1-6 and 10-15 are now pending.

Abstract

The Abstract was objected to as including the word “comprises”. A further amended Abstract is supplied.

Cross Reference

The disclosure was objected to as not including an identification of this patent application as being a National phase patent application and appropriate correction was required. No correction is appropriate nor made. 37 CFR 1.76, concerning application data sheets, a regulation enacted in 2000, provides that when a patent application is supplied with an application data sheet, such cross references are not required, provided the application data sheet identifies the international patent application. The present application was filed with an application data sheet identifying the international patent application. In addition, the filing receipt for this patent application clearly identifies the patent application as a National phase patent application. Thus, all requirements have been complied with and no cross reference is required.

Figures

As required, Fig. 1 now includes a prior art legend in the replacement drawing sheet that is supplied with this response.

Formality Rejections

All claims examined were rejected as indefinite apparently because of an inadvertent grammatical error in the final paragraph of claim 1. That error is regretted and is corrected here.

Claim 4 was stated to be “at odds” with the claim from which it depends, i.e. claim 3. It is presumed the Examiner is stating that the claim 4 is inconsistent with claim 3 because claim 3 describes copper plates as being arranged vertically. Claim 4 describes the copper plates as being arranged radially with respect to a vertical axis of symmetry.

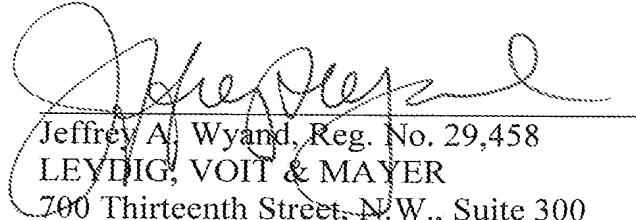
There is no inconsistency between claims 3 and 4 as is apparent from Fig. 3 of the patent application. There, in a sectional plan view, it can be seen that the copper plates 2, seen on edge, are radially arranged with respect to the vertical axis of symmetry, indicated by Z. Fig. 2 shows a side view of the plates. The plates are vertical in both of the figures, considering the orientation of the figures. There is no inconsistency in the claims, the figure, or the description since vertical plates can be radially arranged as described and shown. Thus, the apparent objection to claim 4 should be withdrawn.

Claim 13 was said to be inconsistent with claim 5. There was no inconsistency. The dependency of claim 13 has been changed to claim 10. In addition, claim 15 has been added. These claims result from the elimination of multiple dependencies of original claims. Figure 2 shows a still with a copper mounting 31 supported by the bottom 100 of the still. The embodiment includes copper rings 32 and 33 attached to the plates 2. This description supports all of claims 5, 6, and 12-16 without any inconsistency.

No claim was rejected over prior art and claims 1-6 and 10-14 were stated to be allowable if each of the issues raised received proper response. Since this response does overcome all grounds of rejection and objection, the application is now in form

for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6 and 10-15 are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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